

PROUD OF HIS WHISKERS.

Will Exchange Photographs With Members of the Long Haired Fraternity.

Mr. Lagrand Larow of Barton county, Mo., undoubtedly has the longest beard in the world at present. There was a few years ago a Russian Jew who, by all accounts, could outbeard him, but his story can wait a few lines. Mr. Larow is a bachelor, farmer and stock raiser, is six feet tall, weighs 175 pounds and has not shaved for sixteen years. His whiskers are seven feet long, and he wishes to gather a collection of pictures of long haired people, being desirous of exchanging photographs with every man in the United States with a beard over four feet long and every unmarried lady with hair over five feet long.

He was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., with two in the family, and of parents whose brothers were noted for beards that were heavy, but not of extraordinary length. Mr. Larow moved west in 1877, and has been a resident of Barton county nearly fifteen years, owning a farm a short distance from Lamar, the county seat. Incidentally it may be added that he enjoys average health and strength, not being muscled according to his hair, as Samson was.

In the long drawn out tragedy of Russia's penal system there is an occasional petit comedy, and the Jew above referred to contributed a bit of it. At an official supper in St. Petersburg a few years ago a lady told of her amazement at seeing a Polish Jew with a beard five feet long. An ex-governor of a province on the Black Sea, who was present, declared there was a Jew in his former department who had a beard eight feet long. General incredulity was expressed, whereupon the ex-governor at once wrote to his successor a request and got it indorsed by high officials to send that Jew at once to the capitol.

The governor, construing this as an official order, had the Jew clapped into irons and sent him to the central prison for "detained suspects." As no papers specifying his "crime" came with the unfortunate Jew, the prefect of the prison put him in detention as a secret police suspect, and as the rules required he was shaved clean. The lady had meanwhile left the city, the ex-governor had no interest in a shorn Jew, and at the end of a year no complaint having been filed, the prisoner was released with a warning to behave himself better hereafter, for if he ever fell into police hands again he would not get off so easily.

THE INFANT'S HUSBAND.

A Person of Political Consequence, but Personal Insignificance.

Eulalie, princess and infant, has interested everyone so much that there is danger of forgetting that she has a husband, and that he, too, is a creature of considerable consequence. He isn't much to look at, that's a fact, but he is of the bluest of blue blood and the product of many royal and noble intermarriages. And this may be the reason he isn't pretty, for the marriages are nearly always of blood kin.

He is the full cousin of his wife, and her brother, the late King Alfonso of Spain, married her husband's sister, so there are double marriages of cousins and occasionally of double cousins in the old Spanish way. And a very bad way it is. Don Antonio of Montpensier, as Eulalie's husband is entitled, is a son of that Duke of Montpensier who was a noble both in France and Spain and was thoroughly detested in both countries for avarice, insincerity and other faults. Yet the rulers of both nations had to sustain him because of his being the connecting link, as Darwin would say, between the dynasties.

The history is curious. No sooner had Louis Philippe been made king of the French than he planned to maintain himself by royal connections. His youngest son, therefore, was married to the only sister of Isabella of Spain, and by his intrigues Isabella was married to her feeble cousin, Francisco d'Assis, the manifest intention being that she should remain childless and her sister's offspring inherit the crown, but Isabella's son was king, and her grandson is king just the same.

That son of Philippe, created Duke of Montpensier, was father of Eulalie's husband and of King Alfonso's wife. His other daughter married the Comte de Paris, claimant of the French throne. Other children of Louis Philippe and their children married other royal offshoots, and beyond that it is a mixed up that there is no use in trying to trace it. Nevertheless it is said that Eulalie's husband is quite a gentleman, and really knows more than one could expect.

Of Interest to Fat Folks.

The following is a course of treatment recommended by Dr. Dujardin-Beaumez, a well-known Parisian specialist, for the reduction of corpulence by persons whose hearts and arteries are sound: Every morning a general body sponging with hot eau de Cologne and water, followed by dry rubbing and massage. A tumblerful of purgative water is then administered. At the end of each meal a desert spoonful of the following solution is swallowed: Fifteen grams of iodide of potassium and 250 grams of water.

The undermentioned regimen is to be rigorously observed—First meal, at 8 A. M., a cup of chocolate and twenty grams of bread. Second meal, two eggs, or 100 grams of meat; 100 grams of green vegetables or salad, fifteen grams of cheese, little fruit, fifty grams of bread, one and one-half glasses of liquid (a light white wine with Vichy water). Third meal, at 7 P. M., no soup, 100 grams of meat, 100 grams of green vegetables or salad, fifteen grams of cheese, fruit, fifty grams of bread, one and one-half glasses of liquid (white wine with Vichy water). No drinking between meals—no tea, coffee, cognac or other alcoholic beverage. Plenty of exercise in the open air.

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